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**ATTORNEY GENERAL BOB COOPER ANNOUNCES \$5.9 MILLION
SETTLEMENT OF ANTITRUST LAWSUIT AGAINST BARR
PHARMACEUTICALS**

Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper announced today the settlement of a civil law enforcement action involving antitrust allegations against drug company Barr Pharmaceuticals.

The lawsuit, joined by 34 other states and the District of Columbia, alleged that Barr Pharmaceuticals and Warner Chilcott prevented generic versions of Ovcon, a prescription oral contraceptive, from reaching the marketplace. The states settled their lawsuit against Warner Chilcott in 2007 for \$5.5 million. Barr has agreed it will not engage in similar conduct in the future and will pay the states \$5.9 million. Tennessee's share is \$141,539.28 in penalties and costs of the investigation.

"Our Office is committed to protecting consumers by keeping natural competition in the marketplace," said Attorney General Cooper.

The civil lawsuit, filed in 2005 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, alleges that Warner Chilcott paid Barr \$20 million to keep Barr from marketing a generic version of Ovcon. According to the lawsuit, Ovcon has been sold in the United States since 1976 as an oral contraceptive. Warner Chilcott became the exclusive U.S. distributor of Ovcon in early 2000.

Because this lawsuit was filed as a law enforcement action, the states sought civil penalties and equitable relief. The relief that was obtained through the settlement will help ensure that these companies will not engage in similar conduct in the future.